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Mr. Cyrus Lee
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Dear Mr. Lee:

This letter is in response to your request to the EPA Information Center in Libby regarding the status of your property with EPA.

Additional investigation is required before I can give you an exact status of your property. As you know, during our initial inspection of your property, we could not easily access the attic. This prevented our samplers from verifying that vermiculite insulation was present. During future rounds of investigation, we will be revisiting properties where attic access was a problem, including your property. If vermiculite insulation is verified to be present, it will be addressed by EPA at no cost to you or any future owner of the property.

EPA also collected soil samples from your property. Available results indicate that there is a trace level of asbestos in at least one sample - we will likely reanalyze the samples using more sensitive methods in the future. EPA has not yet determined if low levels of asbestos in soil present a health risk, and therefore I cannot say for certain if your property will require outdoor cleanup. Again, if EPA determines cleanup is required in the future, it will be conducted by EPA at no cost to you or any future owner of the property.

I hope this is sufficient for your needs. If you need any additional assistance, feel free to contact me through the EPA Information Center in Libby at 293-6194.

Sincerely,

Jim Christiansen
Remedial Project Manager

